

I hope you will take this seriously.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

The FCC was created to serve the public. Allowing this sort of abuse of public airwaves makes me question your purpose. Please do something about this. Sinclair's behaviour is especially egregious when it is well known that more than one speaker in this film has completely fabricated his story. Please use your authority to make a difference here.

Thank you, Paul W. Burmaster